



PROCLAMATION

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proclaimed as "Landscape Architecture Week"

WHEREAS, there are more than 3,000 landscape architects in the State of California who serve as technical experts, designers and environmental stewards to create and manage outdoor spaces and environments for all citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, with their education, professional training and successful completion of the Landscape Architectural Registration Examination, landscape architects are uniquely qualified to enhance California's parks, open space, recreational and commercial facilities, parkways, roadways, and trails; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects are also committed to addressing our concerns for environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Landscape Architecture Week offers an opportunity to celebrate the valuable role of landscape architects in shaping California's landscapes for human enjoyment.

ASLA CELEBRATES National Landscape Architecture Week

National Landscape Architecture Week (NLAW) is an opportunity for landscape architects nationwide to celebrate their contribution in creating the special places that make our lives better and increase public awareness of and appreciation for the profession and its work. Local and national activities are sponsored by members and chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

NLAW is always scheduled for the week surrounding the April 26 birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted. This year's NLAW was April 20-28, 2002.

The programs and activities included under NLAW are organized by the chapters and conducted on a local level. American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) also scheduled

special events that support NLAW. While the project ideas are extensive, each chapter may undertake at least one project in the following three categories: **Education, In the Community, and Recognition.**

Education - Reaching out to students is the public information and career discovery component of NLAW. Suggested activities included organizing classroom presentations, staging children's design charrettes, constructing an outdoor classroom, or learning about school-yard ecosystems and play environments.

In the Community - These activities both benefit the community and raise awareness of their local landscape architecture and of the profession. Activities could include continuing chapters' volunteer work with national community action

LATC APPOINTS NEW PROGRAM MANAGER

The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) announced the appointment of Mona Maggio as Program



Manager of the LATC beginning October 31, 2001.

Ms. Maggio is a 16-year veteran of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). She began her career in 1985 working for the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. She worked her way up the ranks by honing her knowledge and expertise while employed with the DCA Business Services Office, Bureau of Collection and Investigative Services, Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians and the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Ms. Maggio's employment background includes a focus in the areas of enforcement, examination and administrative services.

Program Manager Ms. Maggio, Enforcement Coordinator Justin Sotelo, Examination Coordinator Mary Anderson and Licensing Coordinator Patricia Fay work with a five-member advisory committee under the purview of the California Architects Board. The LATC licenses and regulates the state's 3000+ landscape architects.

Extension Certificate Programs

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2620.5 sets forth the requirements for Extension Certificate Programs in Landscape Architecture, and requires the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) to review each program for compliance with the regulations. There are two such programs, one at the University of California, Berkeley Extension (UCB), and the other at the University of California, Los Angeles Extension (UCLA). The prior review took place in 1995.

In January 2001, both programs began a self-evaluation study and filed Self-Evaluation Reports with the LATC in April. Following review of the reports, two site visit teams were appointed. Dennis Otsuji, Dale Sutliff, and Randy Hlubik conducted the UCLA program visit on May 10-11, 2001. Sandra Gonzalez, Woody Dyke, and Robert Perry visited the UCB program on May 17-18, 2001.

Both programs were approved to continue through 2006.

UCLA Extension Program is highlighted in this issue, see Summer 2002 issue for article on University of California, Berkeley.

UCLA EXTENSION Landscape Architecture Program

By Alexis Slafer, Program Director

This past year has been an exciting one for the Landscape Architecture Program at UCLA Extension. The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) approved the Program to 2006; UCLA Extension opened a new facility that highlights the arts programs, houses the landscape architecture dedicated studio and computer lab, and the Program awarded the first *Joseph H. Linesch Memorial Scholarship*.

UCLA Extension is one of the largest continuing education institutions in the world. The Landscape Architecture Program, founded in 1977, offers evening and weekend courses for those seeking knowledge and career preparation in landscape architecture. This four-year program consists of over 35 design, technical, and support courses. The students (approximately 150 certificate candidates) take at least two classes per quarter and attend four quarters per year. Most students are working in other professions (their age range is 22-60) and are looking to landscape architecture as an opportunity for a career change - a change into a new field where they can contribute to their community and make the world a better place in which to live, not only in the present but also with special concerns for the future. The instructors are working professionals in the fields of landscape architecture, architecture, urban planning, and other areas of design.

It was a pleasure to work with the LATC in preparation for the Program's review. Compiling the Program's self-evaluation report was a valuable review of the Program's history, current standing, and plans for the future. The evaluators consisted of landscape architects Randy Hlubik, Dennis Otsuji, and Dale Sutliff. The three-day visit was intense, productive, and a lot of fun. The team

met with the Program Director, UCLA Extension administration, guidance committee, instructors, students, alumni, and practitioners. Overall, it was a very invigorating experience and we look forward to strengthening the program by incorporating the team's suggestions.

UCLA Extension's newest facility, 1010 Westwood Center, is home for a wide range of arts and design programs. Designed by Rios Associates, its witty and modern interior incorporates the architectural features of the 1920's-era building. The exposed structural features, industrial materials, and eye-catching colors not only accommodate creative activity, they stimulate it. The Landscape Architecture Program has its design studio, computer lab, counseling office, and library in "1010." The annual student show (put on by the Landscape Architecture Student Association, a student chapter of ASLA) and the awards and graduation ceremonies were held there last October. The synergy was outstanding.

The Landscape Architecture Program established the *Joseph H. Linesch Memorial Scholarship* at UCLA Extension to memorialize the life and substantial contributions of our friend and colleague. Joe was a founding member of the Program's guidance committee and his continued support and enthusiasm was inspiring. Through the generosity of supportive donors, the first annual *Joseph H. Linesch Memorial Scholarship* was awarded to a student who demonstrated an inspirational attitude and positive outlook towards the profession of landscape architecture.

The Program looks forward to another year of rewarding and eventful activities as we prepare for our 25th anniversary celebration. For more information about the Program, please call (310) 825-9414, or email the Program Director, Alexis Slafer, at aslafer@unex.ucla.edu.

Strategic Plan Update

Mission: The mission of the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) is to regulate the practice of landscape architecture in a manner which safeguards the well-being of the public and the environment by:

- Ensuring appropriate licensure requirements;
- Establishing and enforcing the laws, regulations, codes and standards governing the practice of landscape architecture;
- Requiring that any person practicing or offering landscape architectural services be licensed;
- Informing the public and other entities about the profession and standards of practice; and
- Providing effective means for resolving consumer complaints.

Vision: As a model organization for consumer protection, the LATC safeguards the public, protects and enhances the environment, and ensures quality landscape architectural services.

The LATC met on February 8, 2002 in Sacramento to update its Strategic Plan for 2002. Daniel Iacofano of Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. facilitated the session. Prior to the session, Mr. Iacofano met with staff on January 7, 2002 to define the objectives, issues and structure for the session. Mr. Iacofano also conducted telephone interviews with the LATC members and key stakeholders to help shape the framework and agenda for the planning session.

During the planning session, the LATC reviewed the progress and accomplishments of the 2001 Strategic Plan, reviewed and updated the environmental scan and the action plan. The LATC has established five goals as a framework for organizing the Strategic Plan. Those goals are:

Regulation and Enforcement

Protect consumers through effective regulation and enforcement of laws, codes and standards affecting the practice of landscape architecture.

Professional Qualifications

Ensure that landscape architects are qualified to practice by setting and maintaining equitable requirements for education, experience and examinations.

Professional and Public Awareness

Improve professional and public awareness and understanding of the profession, and provide opportunities for constituency and professional input to LATC's mission, activities and services.

Organizational Relationships

Strengthen effectiveness of relationships with related organizations in order to further LATC's mission and goals.

Organizational Effectiveness

Provide accessible and responsive quality service to consumers and licensees.



ASLA Celebrates

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programs, such as National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance; U.S. Soccer Foundation Urban Parks; Rails to Trails; Habitat for Humanity; and others; and helping local Boy and Girl Scouts with their landscape architecture badges.

Recognition - Through awards ceremonies and legislative proclamations, NLAW is a chance for landscape architects to get credit for their contributions to the built and natural environment. Members can petition their state's Governor to issue a proclamation or commemorative recognizing Landscape Architecture Week and the work of landscape architects or host a chapter's annual awards ceremony or a special event honoring new Fellows and award winners.

ASLA provides resources and materials that support chapters as they organize local NLAW activities, including a Web site dedicated to NLAW; an activity planning kit, including guidelines based on previous chapters' activities; a media how-to booklet; and NLAW artwork for publications and other materials. ASLA will also implement a national communications and outreach plan for NLAW, assist with proclamations, and host special commemorative events. For more information contact Beth Young at (202) 216-2331.



LATC Outreach

The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) recognizes the importance of effective outreach activities, as they play an important role in regulating the practice of landscape architecture and protecting the public. Through annual strategic planning sessions, the LATC revisits its Communications Plan and identifies specific action items, communications tools, and audiences that will play a part in the LATC's regulatory role. The following are recent outreach activities conducted by the LATC.



Student Outreach

In the Fall 2001 LATC Newsletter it was reported that the LATC conducted licensure presentations for landscape architectural students at many of the California campuses since November 2000. As a follow-up, the LATC sent letters to program directors in December 2001 and February 2002 offering additional visits to those campuses to meet with students and discuss licensure in California. In addition, the letter invited students to provide ideas and/or potential articles that could be used in future newsletter issues.

Public Agencies

As public agencies collaboratively protect the public, the LATC has taken a proactive role in establishing alliances with those agencies. In January 2002, licensee rosters and LATC Consumer Guides (for residential, private development, and public sector projects) were distributed to Building Officials statewide. Also in January, the LATC surveyed California building, planning, public works, and parks and recreation departments to acquire a better understanding of the realm and trends of the practice of landscape architecture. In March 2002, LATC and California Architects Board staff attended California Building Officials' 40th Annual Business Meeting in San Diego. Staff distributed publications and met with personnel from over 400 building departments.

Thank You

Our Appreciation for Service

Each of our task force members and subcommittee members are volunteers who have expressed an interest in and who are willing to give their time to furthering the profession. We would also like to thank the Market Conditions Focus Group participants for their time. We want to express our sincere gratitude to each of the volunteers listed for their help and commitment. Robert Adams, Karen Adnoff, Andy Bowden, Gary Bush, Marie Campbell, Richard Ciaradella, Jerry Clark, Kevin Cook, Steve Copley, Richard Crowell, Dennis De Prieto, Mike Edwards, Kent England, Roger Fiske, Gil Flores, Todd Floyd, Linda Gates, Pete Guisasola, Jerry Hastings, Gene Haydu, Dennis Hickok, Mike Higginbotham, John Hunt, Robert King, Steve Lang, Tom Lockett, Sam Luzano, Joy Lyndes, David Mandel, Brad McCrea, Dave Mitchell, Mark

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The LATC encourages those with an interest in serving on future task forces or subcommittees to attend and/or participate in our regular Committee meetings. If you are not on the mailing list for meeting notices, call, fax or email the LATC to have your name added to the list.

The LATC is always interested in collecting articles for our quarterly newsletter and would appreciate input from interested parties. If something is of interest or concern to you, chances are, it is to others as well. Please contribute to the profession by providing newsworthy articles to be shared.

Landscape Architectural Firms

Beginning in December 2001, staff began distributing LATC Licensure Posters, Consumer Guides, and Candidate Handbooks to landscape architectural firms in California. Staff anticipates mailing these materials to a total of 765 firms by July 2002.

Associations

Recognizing the need to educate constituents about the practice of landscape architecture in California, LATC Consumer Guides were also distributed to California chapters and local associations of the National Association of Residential Property Managers, the California Building Industry Association, and the California Association of Realtors in December 2001.

For further information regarding the LATC's outreach activities or to request LATC publications, please contact the LATC at (916) 445-4954 or by email at latc@dca.ca.gov.

Traces of Persistent Herbicide Found in Compost

The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) and the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) are working closely to assess the impacts of the herbicide clopyralid on commercial composting in California. Clopyralid is the active ingredient in several herbicide products manufactured by Dow AgroSciences. Dow also sells to Riverdale for use in four of its products. In addition, Dow and Riverdale sell clopyralid formulations to six other companies for use in their lawn care products. Clopyralid is used to control weeds (such as dandelions, clover, and thistles) in lawns, agricultural crops (such as mint, hay, grains, and asparagus), and rangeland.

Farmers and lawn-care companies like its effectiveness in controlling broadleaf weeds, the fact that it does not need to be applied as often as other herbicides, and its low toxicity to animals. Composters and organic growers worry about clopyralid's effect on California's composting industry because clopyralid does not easily break down in compost and is toxic at very low concentrations to certain broadleaf ornamentals and vegetables, including sunflowers, beans, peas, tomatoes and potatoes. California

compost producers and organizations, along with cities and counties, are concerned that if clopyralid is found in compost in the state, consumer confidence will sag and the ability to sell compost products will be severely compromised. Local government officials are concerned about the ability of cities and counties to meet their Assembly Bill 939 diversion requirements should the composting industry be negatively affected.

During 2000 and 2001, commercial compost from two Washington facilities caused damage to garden and nursery plants, and clopyralid was found in the compost. In Spokane, the clopyralid came from lawn clippings that were taken to a transfer station and then to a local composting facility. The January 22, 2002 *Seattle Times* reported that the facility suffered about \$155,000 in lost sales in 2001 and that claims of almost \$13,000 were brought against the city. At Washington State University, the clopyralid came from grass hay and straw that was used in livestock bedding; the bedding and manure were subsequently used as feedstock at the campus compost facility. The *Seattle Times* reported that the State

paid over \$250,000 in 2001 to cover claims from growers, gardeners, and nursery operators.

Clopyralid residues were also detected at two facilities in Southern California in 2001. In response, the California Compost Quality Council, California Organics Recycling Council, and California Refuse Removal Council jointly organized voluntary, industry-wide testing for clopyralid in February 2002, as a first attempt to ascertain whether clopyralid is present in compost, at least for that period of time. Clopyralid was detected in compost at 65% of the 20 composting facilities that participated in the voluntary testing. DPR will need to evaluate composters' data to determine whether additional testing would be required to initiate regulatory action regarding products containing clopyralid. The CIWMB and DPR will continue to work closely to investigate this problem and assess potential solutions.

For more information on clopyralid and its potential impacts on composting in California, please contact Brian Larimore of the CIWMB at (916) 341-6579 or blarimor@ciwmb.ca.gov.

Hey, I recognize that Picture!



The work you do as landscape architects speaks to the worthiness of the profession and the creativity in all of you. In the past, the LATC has collected photos and images that have been used for consumer guides, posters, roster, and the newsletter. As the LATC continues to update its photographic library, we

would appreciate your assistance in providing photos or images for future use. Various types of landscape architectural projects that exemplify excellence in the profession are needed. Actual photographs or slides are required and you must be willing to sign a release allowing the LATC to use your picture(s). If you would like to help, please send your image(s) to: Landscape Architects Technical Committee, 400 R Street, Suite 4000, Sacramento CA 95814.

Scholarship in Memory Of

By Linda Forde, NUVIS Landscape Architecture and Planning

Landscape Architecture Foundation/California Landscape Architectural Student Scholarship Fund (LAF/CLASS Fund) recipient, Alec Balliet, winner of two scholarships while attending California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo, and recent graduate, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on March 14th due to complications with meningitis. He was only 26 years young.

Alec was an extremely talented individual with unique energy and enthusiasm for the profession of landscape architecture. He applied his vigor and professional commitment at NUVIS and was instrumental in the success of many projects. Urban renewal and redevelopment were Alec's passion.

Alec was undoubtedly much more to his family, friends, classmates, professors and colleagues than what can be expressed in words. He affected so many of us in a positive and enduring way.

In an effort to recognize this, one of the \$1,500 University Grants that is awarded to the students from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has been renamed the "LAF/CLASS FUND Memorial Student Scholarship, Honoring Alec Balliet." May this somehow convey how extraordinary Alec was to those who did not have the privilege of knowing him, and serve to remind those of us who did.

Examination News

The Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) sections C and E were administered to 179 candidates on December 3-4, 2001. Results were mailed on February 15, 2002. One hundred twenty six candidates took section C and 131 candidates took section E. As a result, three candidates became eligible for licensure and 26 candidates will be eligible for licensure once they pass the California Supplemental Exam.

April 1, 2002 was the final filing date for the June 10-12, 2002 LARE. The exams will be held at the Riverside Convention Center in Southern California and the Sacramento California Exposition and State Fair facilities in Northern California. Sections A, B, C, D and E of the LARE will be administered.



Candidates who were unsuccessful with the graphic sections of the exam taken in December, 2001, had the opportunity to request a standard or red line review for sections C and/or E. The standard review allows the candidate to compare his/her section with the criteria used to grade that section. The red line review allows the candidate to also receive general comments on the weaknesses exhibited that caused each vignette to fail. The deadline to request a review was March 15, 2002. The review sessions were held in Northern and Southern California in May 2002.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: What are the requirements for non-final and final plans?

A: Under Business and Professions Code section 5659, licensees are required to sign and date all plans, specifications, and other instruments of service and contracts prepared for others. In addition to the signature and date, all final landscape architectural plans, specifications, and other instruments of service and contracts must include the landscape architect's license number and the renewal date of his or her license.

Q: What statute gives landscape contractors authority to design?

A: Business and Professions Code section 7027.5 allows landscape contractors (Class C 27) working within the classification for which the license is issued to design systems or facilities for work to be performed and supervised by that contractor.

Q: Can candidates for licensure apply for the LARE in California through CLARB?

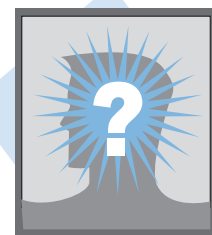
A: No. California candidates must apply for the LARE through the LATC. However, candidates can apply for a council record through CLARB. For more information regarding a council record, please contact CLARB at (703) 319-8380.

Q: Can candidates become eligible for the LARE solely on work experience?

A: No. Candidates are required to possess a degree or certificate in landscape architecture accounting for at least one year of educational credit. In total, candidates must have at least six years of combined educational and training credit.

Q: Why haven't I received my renewal notice?

A: Not providing your current address of record to the LATC is normally the reason. Please be advised that filing a current mailing address with the LATC is required by the Practice Act.



CLARB Regional Meeting

Cincinnati, Ohio February 28 - March 2, 2002

By Sandra J. Gonzalez, Chair, LATC

LATC Program Manager Mona Maggio and I attended the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Regional Meeting. This meeting warranted a full agenda, as the previous CLARB annual meeting in September 2001 was cancelled due to the September 11th aftermath.

The first General Session featured the annual President's Address, Executive Director's Report and Treasurer's Report. Following this were key items focusing on many of CLARB's recent efforts and accomplishments.

The Center for Collaboration and Education in Design, also known as C²ED, is an innovative Web site concept developed by CLARB to provide information and services that will benefit design professionals and the public that they serve. Among other things, C²ED will deliver online interactive continuing education courses and resources. In the first few months of operation, over 1,200 design professionals including landscape architects, architects, engineers and interior designers from across the U.S. and Canada have become registered users. I encourage California licensees to visit www.C2ED.com, and I applaud CLARB in taking this step toward outreach and helping to fill the needs of those member states that require continuing education.

There was also a presentation of CLARB's Model Law, which provides common language and standards for all jurisdictions to facilitate reciprocity, and will assist states in upgrading current laws. Although we recognize that each individual state must have the ability and the right to regulate the profession of landscape architecture as it deems

appropriate, if the individual laws become too dissimilar, reciprocity can become difficult and society as a whole will suffer from lack of free transfer from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. To the degree

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that uniform standards can be agreed upon and common language adopted, the profession and public will both benefit.

Much of the remainder of the two days of meetings focused on the furthering of CLARB's Strategic Plan. All attendees participated in this dynamic effort, which began by breaking into small groups and identifying driving forces in the current environment that affect the profession, posing new strategic questions and reviewing all of the findings. As a member of the CLARB Strategic Plan Committee,

I attended a meeting in Washington D.C. on March 23rd and 24th to further develop the current strategic plan based on the Regional Meeting and results.

Half a day was spent with the other member boards in Region 5, including Alaska, Arizona, B.C., Canada, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Exam results were shared, along with proposed changes to state laws and regulations. California presented our LATC Consumer Guides and licensure posters, which were well received by all other member states.

On the final night, a President's banquet inducted the new CLARB President, John Carman, to his official position, which officially occurred in September 2001. The CLARB Regional Meeting was a great success. CLARB has made great strides in the past year in furthering outreach for licensure and protection to the public. It is our hope to continue California's ongoing involvement with CLARB.

WHERE CAN I GET THAT INFORMATION?

Did you know that the LATC's Web site contains valuable information and printable forms such as: publications; practice act; complaint forms; new, retake and reciprocity applications; general examination information; frequently asked questions; query licensee information; request for replacement license; report a change of address; add your name to the mailing list; meeting schedules; committee members; advertising requirements; delinquent license policy; written contract requirements; reciprocity information; landscape architect stamp; newsletter; candidate handbook; approved and proposed regulatory changes; consumer guides; schedules and fees; links to related sources; and much more.

If you have not had the opportunity to view the Web site, you are encouraged to do so at www.latc.dca.ca.gov, and of course, the LATC staff is always available to assist you by telephone at (916) 445-4954 or by email at latc@dca.ca.gov.



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Upcoming Events

June 10-12, 2002	LARE	Sacramento, Riverside
August 15, 2002	LATC Meeting	Sacramento
September 12-15, 2002	CLARB 2002 Annual Meeting	New Orleans
October 18-22, 2002	ASLA 2002 Annual Meeting and Expo	San Jose